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SUBJ: FIRST CUBAN AMBASSADOR PRESENTS CREDENTIALS TO MAKARIOS

1. DR. JOSE LUIS GALBE CHARGE D' AFFAIRS AT CUBAN LEGATION IN NICOSIA SINCE 1972 ON AUGUST 9 PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT MAKARIOS AS FIRST CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS. CUBAN LEGATION HERE THUS IS ELEVATED TO CUBAN EMBASSY.

2. AT PRESENTATION CEREMONY DR. GALBE STRESSED CUBAN SUPPORT OF GOC POSITION ON CYPRUS PROBLEM, PLEDGED "CUBA WILL CONTINUE,
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AS HERETO, TO FIGHT IN ALL INTERNATIONAL SPHERES FOR THE CAUSE

OF CYPRUS," AND DENIED ISLAND WOULD BECOME "AN AIRCRAFT-CARRIER FOR IMPERIALISM." IN RESPONSE MAKARIOS PRAISED CUBAN FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY AND THANKED DR. GALBE WHO "AT DIFFICULT TIMES PROVED A TRUSTED FRIEND OF CYPRUS" AND IN WHOSE PERSON " WE SALUTE THE BRAVE PEOPLE OF CUBA AND THEIR ENLIGHTENED LEADER, FIDEL CASTRO."

3. COMMENT: MAKARIOS' WARN REMARKS ON THIS OCCASION SHOULD PROBABLY BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF COMING COLOMBO CONFERENCE AT WHICH GOC WILL BE SEEKING CUBAN SUPPORT FOR STRONG RESOLUTION FAVORING GREEK CYPRIOTS. END COMMENT.

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